

# NOTICE TO VERMONT PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND PESTICIDE DEALERS

**All Vermont pesticide applicator and dealer exams are closed book.** No reference materials may be used. Calculators are allowed and encouraged. We reserve the right to check your current, state-issued picture ID to verify your name before you take any exams. The exams consist of multiple choice questions.

**The passing score on all exams is 75%.** Commercial and non-commercial applicators must achieve a passing score on the CORE exam and at least one category exam in order to become certified.

One failing grade requires a waiting period of 7 days for retake. Two consecutive failing grades require a waiting period of 28 days (4 weeks) from the initial test date in order to take the exam for a third time. Maximum of 3 exam takes are allowed per calendar year. **A \$25.00 fee is charged for each retake of the exams.**

Commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicator exams are valid for a period of 5 years. During those 5 years, private applicators must earn 8 recertification credits, and commercial and non-commercial applicators must earn 16 recertification credits in order to renew their exams for another five years. Applicators with insufficient credits at the end of the five year period must retake all appropriate exams to re-certify.

Visit the Agrichemical Management Section website at:

<https://usaplants.vermont.gov/PesticideApplicator/MeetingSearch.aspx>

for a list of current courses approved for recertification credits. You may also attend courses held in other New England states or New York, as long as the training has been approved by that state's pesticide official. Vermont honors the credits awarded for these trainings, however you must submit a copy of your attendance form to the Agency to receive credit for those out-of-state courses.

Dealer exams are valid as long as annual renewal fees are paid.

To prepare for your examinations, thoroughly read the information in all appropriate study manuals:

- Private Applicators: Private CORE Manual
- Commercial, Non-Commercial and Government Applicators: Commercial CORE Manual and appropriate category manuals
- Pesticide Dealers: Dealer CORE Manual

In addition, all applicators and dealers must be thoroughly familiar with the *Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides*. A copy of these regulations is provided in Chapter 16 of this CORE manual.

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